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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. ACCORDING FONOFF SOURCE, SEPTEMBER 7-9 VISIT TO ROME OF FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI WAS CHIEFLY FOR PURPOSE OF PRESIDING OVER MEETING OF IRANIAN CHIEFS OF MISSION FROM EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN CAPITALS. ACCOMPANIED BY FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY FARTASH AND CHIEF OF CABINET NADIM, KHALATBARI DEPARTED SEPTEMBER 9 FOR CAIRO.

2. DURING UNOFFICIAL VISIT HERE, KHALATBARI ATTENDED LUNCHEON HOSTED BY ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MORO AND LATER HAD PRIVATE CHAT WITH MORO. FONOFF SOURCE SAID THAT LUNCHEON PRODUCED NOTHING NEW OR STARTLING AND THAT CONVERSATION CENTERED ON 1) DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES FOR PROGRESS IN SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE AND 2) ITALIAN PRAISE FOR POSITIVE IRANIAN ROLE IN ASSURING STABILITY IN PERSIAN GULF. SOURCE PROFESSED TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BETWEEN KHALATBARI AND MORO PRIVATELY BUT ASSUMED THAT NO NEW GROUND HAD BEEN BROKEN. VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO

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